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Customer No.: 006980
Docket No. FOCKE16

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
FOCKE, Heinz et al.)
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR**)
THE INSPECTION OF OBJECTS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box: New Patent Application
Honorable Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atlanta, Georgia 30308-2216

14 September 2001

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, insert --This is a priority application based upon German patent application 100 46 401.7, dated 18 September 2000--;

Page 1, after the preceding priority statement, delete "Description" and insert the following heading --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 1, before line 11, insert the following heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 2, before line 1, insert the following heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 2, before line 22, insert the following heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 3, before line 3, insert the following heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--; and